

August 28, 2005

St. Priscilla Family

NEWSLETTER

FR. JIM'S JOURNAL



I am so delighted that I will be joining all of you full time at St. Priscilla next weekend. I know this transition time has been very difficult. When the Archdiocese told me that they wanted me to start my assignment at St. Priscilla on July 1st, I expressed to them my concerns about St. Priscilla and the fact that I cannot be at two places at one time. The Archdiocese did not give me a choice. Fr. Ray assured me that the people of St. Priscilla would be ok until September. Thank you so much for being patient with me.

Obviously, things do not run by themselves. Many people have pitched in and done a lot of extra work over the past couple of months, and I am very grateful to them. First of all, I want to thank Rose and Christine for keeping the front office running. This has been a new experience for both of them. I know it has been a real challenge! They have done a fabulous job, and continue to remain cheerful in the process. Joni has been very competently coordinating many things in the parish. I am so thankful that I have had her to rely on over the past two months. John and Kenny have assisted Ralph in keeping the buildings and the grounds well maintained over the past two months. I want to thank them for their hard work.

A special thank you to Fr. Paul, Fr. John and Msgr. Sherzer for all of the liturgies that they have celebrated at St. Priscilla over the past two months. The Eucharist is the center of our lives as a Catholic Community, and we need to come to the table to be nourished spiritually on a regular basis. Thanks be to God for all of them! I want to thank Jeanne Marie as well for all of her work on weddings and funerals as well as coordinating the activities of the Worship Commission during this time of transition.

One of the things that made the transition more difficult is that in addition to losing Fr. Ray, we have also lost a number of staff members. This is not the way I would have chosen to make the transition. The staff members that made the decision to leave the parish all made their decisions before I was assigned to St. Priscilla, and their decisions had nothing to do with my assignment. All of them did important work in the parish each of them will be difficult to replace.

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Let us keep in mind and prayers all the people of St. Agatha Parish as they come together at 4PM today one final time, to celebrate Eucharist as a parish, family and community. May they always hold dear the many memories they have created and the joy they shared with so many others throughout the community with their school functions, Dad's Club, Women's Guild, yearly festivals and so much more.

God Bless



Monday, August 29
Martyrdom of John the Baptist
 1Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1,3-5, 11-13
 Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30
 1Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31
 Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11
 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 1
 Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6
 Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 2
 Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1-5
 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday September 3
Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
 Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4
TwentyThird Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

Question of the Week

The words which Jeremiah uses in today's first reading are actually more dramatic in the original language. His charge against God that he has been "duped" or "enticed" carries a connotation in the Hebrew implying the action of being seduced. Jeremiah pulls no punches. He tells God exactly what he feels.

Adults: What are the real fears and questions in my life that I can bring to prayer this week?

Children: How can I bring troubles with my family, my school and my friends to God in prayer?

OUT OF SUFFERING HAVE
 EMERGED THE STRONGEST
 SOULS.

Edwin Hubbell Chapin



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 28th, 9:00AM
TwentySecond Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Joann Visca by Husband Mike
 Mary Ellen Griffin by Friend Terrance
 Michela Carta by Carta Family
 Benny Picano by Jon & Marcy Groulx

Sunday, August 28th, 11:00AM
 Michelle Monendo by Dad & Family
 Joseph Barany by Family
 Tom Olst by Peggy & Ed Contway
 Mary Anne (Sage) Moco, 2nd Anniversary
 By Family

Monday, August 29th, 8:00AM
 Pope John Paul II by Ava Halliday
 Benny Picano - Months Mind

Tuesday, August 30th, 8:00AM
 Bob Colomina, by Sangret Family
 Joe Butler by Richard & Lynn Noelke

Wednesday, August 31st, 8:00AM
 Dawn Arndt by Sister Debbie

Thursday, September 1st, 8:00AM
 Deceased Members of Bonfiglio Family
 by M/M Stephen Jurak
 Stephen Murphy by Wife Doris
 Cicita Cocco by Carta Family
 Xavier DeBrincat by Wife Sylvia

Friday, September 2nd, 8:00AM
 Bob Beauchamp by Family
 Beatrice Martin by Family
 Tom Gallagher & Tommy Gallagher
 by Helen Gallagher

Saturday, September 3rd, 4:30PM
 Clarence Baughman by Mr & Mrs Elia
 Jane Pavai by Husband John

Sunday, September 4th 9:00AM
TwentyThird Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deceased Members of Vettraino, Fragnoli,
 Morelli & D'Agostino Families
 by Mr & Mrs B. Vettraino
 Harold Riffenburg by Wife
 Shirley Riffenburg by Mother
 Giacinda & Umberto Tartaglia by Family

Sunday, September 4th, 11:00AM
 Wanda Hamernik by Clara Sosnowski
 Betty Monendo by Husband Matt
 Thomas Olst by Mom
 Joseph Barany by Family

"...To everything there is a season
 and a time to every purpose
 under heaven..."

...a time to be born...
 ...a time to love



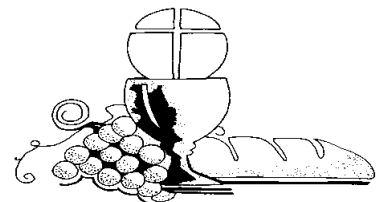
...a time to heal...: Ed Potocki, Tobey Noel, Sister Cheryl Ann Grenier, Virginia Coughlin, Christopher Francis, Audrey Negro, Denise Blackwell, Ron McKinney, John Pawlowski, Elaine Pomaville, Suzanne Sands, Julie McCammon, Ed Vincent, Thomas Durkin, Dino Manolatos, Joann Pilchak, Vern Johnson, Nancy Obsenik, Todd Lounsbury, Lenore Kempster, Paul Hoberman, Donald Johnson, Dave Walker, Harvey Letourneau, Ed Contway, Eleanor Rakozy

...a time to die... Joseph Barany, Butch Derrick, Norman Roth, Richard Rakozy

Please hold our Service men and women in your prayers...

Fr. Raymond H. Bucon, Adam Hachey, Robert Albro, Michael Lanctot, Richard Bastien, Robert E. Oldani, Seth Janisse, Patrick Steenburg, Christopher Masel, Ryan Masel, Robert Uren, Jr., Fletcher Armstrong, III, Michael Goodrow, Dan LeClere, Tanya Dudek, Nicole Pawlowicz, Nicholas Mitchell, Ryan Bierschbach, Dennis Soper.

To have someone from your family enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**HURRY!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
REGISTERED BY
SEPTEMBER 1!**

Classes are scheduled to begin on September 21 and 22. Many classes are already filled. We must have a completed registration form for each family. No phone registrations will be accepted.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



We are almost there! We have only two classes still needing a catechist:

Wednesday 4:30 Grade 1,
Wednesday 4:30 Grade 3

We could also use volunteers to team teach or to be an aide in other classes.

Volunteers are also needed to lead and assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 11:00 Mass.

If you would like to help in any of these ways, please contact Joni Benson to find out if you qualify, 248-476-4702.

The first Catechist Meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 PM.

A meeting for those involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word will be Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM.

FOR ADULTS ONLY



BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM
beginning September 13

This group is led by Mary Rice and will be studying the Book of Leviticus. All are welcome.

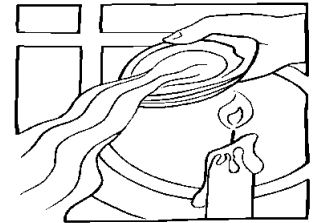
Thursday evenings 7:00 PM (on going)

This group discusses the upcoming Sunday Scripture Readings. New members are always welcome.

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The RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the formal way that adults from other faiths, those with no religious background or Catholic adults who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation become full members of the Church. Formal classes will begin in September. Those wishing to be part of the RCIA process need to have an interview with Joni Benson to begin the process.

*Please invite someone
to join the RCIA,
have them call
Joni at 248-476-4702.*



Mark Your Calendars!

The Parish Mission is coming!

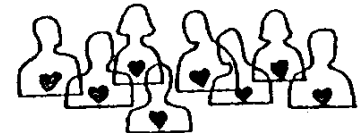
September 24—28, 2005

Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP and Sr. Ann Willits, OP will be coming to St. Priscilla to give a Dominican Parish Mission. They will preach at all Masses on the weekend and morning Mass Monday—Wednesday, followed by evening services each day. The Church's Lectionary readings serve as the foundation for all preaching.

Fr. Marchionda is also an accomplished musician. Hymns and songs are a very important part of his mission presentations. He will be asking for all interested parish musicians, cantors and choir members to take an active role during the week. Get those voices and instruments tuned up.

Both Sr. Willits and Fr. Marchionda have experience with children and are familiar with Whole Community Catechesis and intergenerational learning. Two of the evening sessions will be for all ages.

Plan on joining us for some spiritual renewal through prayer, preaching and praise September 24-28, 2005.



Parish Life

Aug 29 8:00am New Staff in Place
 Sept 1 7:00pm Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Sept 5 Office Closed
 Sept 7 12:30pm 50+ Club
 Sept 7 7:00pm GIFT Meeting
 Sept 8 6:30pm Catechist Mtg
 Sept 8 7:00pm Bible Study
 Sept 9 7:00pm Baptism Class
 Sept 10 7:00am Men's Fellowship
 Sept 12 6:30pm WINGS Mtg
 Sept 12 6:45pm Commissions Mtg
 Sept 13 9:30am Bible Study
 Sept 14 7:00pm Confirmation Mtg

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call the office to register for one of the upcoming classes :

Friday 7:00 PM: September 9
Sunday 1:00 PM: November

PRAYER

God, my savior, You know me completely. Even thoughts and desires which I cannot recognize or face are obvious to you.

You understand all the forces which impact the life I live today. Help me to see that with you I need not weave a false impression or stand on ceremony.

Because of your love I am free to pray with honesty, to come to you as the person I really am.

⌘⌘ **Handmaids** ⌘⌘

Sept 9 Jackie Bender
 Val Weigand

PASTOR

Rev. James McNulty

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Robert Fitzgerald

DIR. OF REL. EDUCATION

Joni Benson

YOUTH MINISTER

Priscilla Steenburg

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jeanne Marie Muraski



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:30 PM
SUNDAY 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
WEEKDAY (Monday-Friday) 8:00 AM
HOLYDAY 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM
Friday 8:30AM- 12:30PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class. Dates are published in the bulletin or you may call for a schedule. After class completion, arrangements for Baptisms are made by calling the parish office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM and after morning Mass

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office .

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 Deacon Robert Fitzgerald 248-476-4700
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 Paul Butkovich 248-477-5526
 Dino Costantini 248-615-3772
 "DJ" Duraikannu 248-703-1338
 Anne Hoger 734-513-7233
 Mark Pugliese 734-420-2876
 David Koos 734-458-2612
 Jim Kremer 248-474-4559
 James Rehlund 734-525-5457

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DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER
SEPT 3 4:30PM	Bob Wroblewski	John Gallagher, Angie Griggs, Dorene Judd, Marge Keith, Tom Moyles	Volunteer
SEPT 4 9:00AM	Marty Jasin	Lorna Mattson, Ken Pebbles, Kathy Tuttle, Mark Tuttle, Valery Weigand	Michael Tuttle Volunteer
SEPT 4 11:00AM	John Dzwonkowski	Mary Himm, Kay Kermode, Connie Lark, Yvonne Nemeth, Jim Rehlund,	Laurynn Brenton Volunteer

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE TEAM C

BINGO Team 3



Floor Operator: Ellen Bishop, Bill Statetzny, Dick Schmidt, Pat Kiss, Sharon Hamilton.

Door Captain: Lue Jarrett, Louise Bridgeman, Bernice Pawlowicz, Peggy Contway, Ellen Bishop, Mary Ann Statezny.

Cashier: Judy Waling

Bookkeepers: Gene Kay and Bernie Paquette.

Kitchen: Donna Nowak, Diane Cote', Donna Bishop and Mary Schiffman.

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Youth Ministry News!

Dear Parish Family,

It is with great sadness that I announce my resignation from St. Priscilla effective August 31st. Please know that this painful decision is in no way a result of the recent staff or parish changes. In reality I was informed by Fr. Ray, prior to the end of the fiscal year (July), that St. Priscilla would not be able to keep me on as a full-time youth minister. After many weeks of tearful prayers and agonizing conversations with trusted friends and family I came to the realization that I could not wait until the end of the fiscal year to look for a full-time position. With all the downsizing, closing and clustering happening throughout our Archdiocese, I discovered that full-time youth ministry positions were a rarity! I nearly waited too long to get my name in the VERY small pool of available positions (3 to be exact). The one I was able to interview for had already seen three other, highly qualified, candidates. However, I luckily got the job!

I want you to know how much I LOVE all of you, especially the VERY SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE! St. Priscilla has an awesome Teen Leadership Team: Nicole Depowski, Shea Nyeste, Steve Tabor, Ken Vader and Matt Zinn. They are all well trained and are ready to minister to their peers in the Fall. Be assured that Fr. Jim is totally committed to a youth presence at St. Priscilla. He has the absolute best interest of the youth in mind. I just know that whatever changes occur (as they naturally will), St.

Priscilla's youth will be affirmed and involved.

As always, I wish you PEACE!
Priscilla

"I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am'..." Isaiah 65:1



**ST.PRISCILLA'S
PILGRIMS SEE THE
POPE!**

Dateline: Monday, August 22, 2005
Cologne, Germany

We've seen Pope Benedict now three times. Thursday (Aug 18), when he arrived in Cologne, Saturday during vespers at Marienfeld and Sunday for Mass at Marienfeld.

There's something intangibly powerful about seeing the Pope, be it after a five hour wait beside the road; after setting up a makeshift camp on cold, wet ground following a six mile walk, or after spending a long, cold night with 800,000 of your best Catholic friends from all over the world!

IT'S BEEN GREAT!

Since we will all be home by the time you read this, we can tell you more then!

Peace, Matt, Steve, Joe,
Jen, Maggie, Ken, Priscilla & Ron

Excerpts from Fr. Ray's letter of August 13th...

My dad told me that Fr. Jim said some nice things about me in the bulletin. Follow his lead and you will grow closer to God, I just know you will. Pray for Fr. Jim, volunteer when he asks, make me proud of your putting into practice the teachings of Jesus. I also heard that the parish picnic was attended by an unusually large number of people. That's great. Events like this, coffee and doughnuts after Mass, and K of C meetings, bingo, road rally's and bible study help you to get to know each other. I know everyone will extend themselves and welcome the newest members of the parish. If you don't know the person sitting next to you at Mass, introduce yourself before Mass begins. Then, by the time the sign of the peace arrives, you will be rewarded with an extra warm greeting and an extra grace from God. Guaranteed!

The Command Chaplain here is currently home on leave. When he returns it will be decided if I am to remain living at this air base or else operate from one of the forward bases. Either way, I'll be visiting soldiers and taking the Lord to them. There are mountains everywhere, some so high the helicopters can barely make it over the top in the extremely thin air. I'm still adjusting to the time change; the sun rises 8 1/2 hours before it rises for you! That's the news for now. May each of us rededicate ourselves to being channels of God's peace.

MAILING ADDRESS: (Allow 4 Weeks for Delivery)
Raymond Bucon
CJTF -76 (Chaplain Section)
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APO AE 09354

Fr. Jim's Journal Con't

You will notice the article this week from Priscilla, our youth minister, indicating that she will also be leaving her position at the parish. I have decided not to replace her at this time. I need to get a feel for the needs of the parish before I can select someone to meet those needs. My intention is to hire a new youth minister in the future. I want to make it very clear that I am committed to youth ministry and the youth of the parish. Our youth is the present and future of the Church, and we must nurture them with great care. I will give you more information about plans for this transition period in the future.

Finally, I want to thank all of the parishioners of St. Priscilla. You have gone out of your way to be welcoming to me as well as the parishioners of St. Agatha, who will be joining our parish. The Ice Cream Social and the Parish Picnic were both fabulous successes. A number of the people of St. Priscilla have personally come over to St. Agatha to welcome and or register new parishioners. Thank you all so much for your hospitality. I am so proud to be joining a parish like St. Priscilla. As you are mourning the loss of Fr. Ray, your pastor, as well as a number of staff people, you are reaching out to others in need. What a great example of Christian love. I trust we will continue to do great things as a Parish in the future.

Love and Peace, Fr. Jim

Around our Town

St. Raphael

The next Mass for Life will be on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 8:30am.

For Young Widowed under 55

You are invited to meet for dinner, conversation and support in a safe and friendly setting. Join us on

Sunday, Sept 11th, 5:00pm

at **Portofino's on the River**

located on Biddle Street near Eureka in Wyandotte. Sponsored by Young Widowed Friends, a "peer" group within the Archdiocese of Detroit. RSVP by Sept 9th by calling Patty at 734-283-0973

St. Albertus Alumni

St. Albertus Historical Church is the first Polish Catholic Church in our area. They are calling out for solidarity and financial assistance for a much needed restoration project. Please make checks payable to

PAHSA

and mail checks to :

St. Albertus Historical Church

4231 St. Aubin

Detroit MI 48207

AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center

Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 15th, 6-9:30pm

At St. Mary's Cultural Center

18100 Merriman Rd.

Keynote Speaker: CJ Payne

Cost is \$25 per person Call Rachelle at 734-425-8060 for reservations.

Movie Review

20th Century Fox Films and the Dove foundation suggest these Rated G films for families to enjoy:

Roach Approach *Don't Miss The Boat* and **Roach Approach** *The Main Event*. Enjoy the stories of Daniel in the Lion's Den and Noah's Ark Like Never Before!

Catechetical Sunday

Parishes across the country will be celebrating *Catechetical Sunday* the weekend of September 17-18. "Life Is Christ" is the theme of this year's annual event, which spotlights the importance of the formal teaching ministry in the Catholic Church.

Many parishes will observe *Catechetical Sunday* by commissioning catechists. The ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned. Currently, there are more than half a million catechists serving 19,000 Catholic parishes, missions, and schools across the country.

As part of the Catechetical Sunday celebrations, parents and guardians will be recognized for the important role they play in handing on the faith to the next generation. They are truly the primary catechists for their children.



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 9**

Spirituality of Aging

St. Aidan Catholic Church
17500 Farmington Rd.

Wednesday, August 31st
7-9pm

734-425-5950

Sr. Arlene Kosmatka, O.P. and Adrian Dominican sister involved in the ministry of spiritual direction and retreat work will be our guest speaker.

Spirituality is a life-long process of growing in our relationship with God. We can never think, "We have it made."

Editor Instruction Sheet

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

100 fewer bulletins this week

RATING: **EXCELLENT** **GOOD** **FAIR** **POOR**

COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:

PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



St. Priscilla Family

